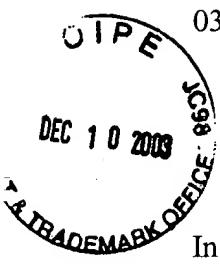


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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the Fifth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed March 24, 2003.

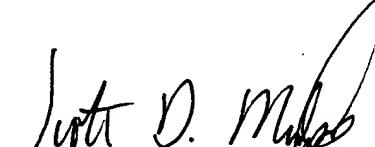
Applicants recently received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due mailed November 28, 2003. However, an initialed copy of form PTO-1449 that accompanied the Fifth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed March 24, 2003, has yet to be received from the Examiner.

Accordingly, Applicants are submitting a duplicate copy of form PTO-1449.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial and return the enclosed form PTO-1449 to show consideration of the art cited in the Fifth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed March 24, 2003.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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